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CAMP SECURITY

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The Secretary-General's report on Camp Security is due the week of January 15. Our sources indicate that the recommendation of the task force sent to Zaire was for a several hundred person UN training and supervision force for Zairois and Tanzanian armed police. The Secretary-General reportedly does not share the view that the Zaire police can do the job. He has asked for negotiations with a British private security firm to provide camp security.

Options

1. A 10,000 man UNPKO. Proposed in SYG's report 18 November 1994. Unlikely to get the troops needed from member states.
2. A 4-5000 man UNPKO Bubble that takes control of one camp area at a time, providing security for voluntary repatriation. Also unlikely to get the troops needed from member states. Bangladesh is the only state to offer a battalion.
3. A several hundred person UN police training and supervision force, which will train and supervise Zairois and Tanzanian police, who will provide increased security in the camps.
4. A private security firm which will hire international and local personnel to provide security in the camps.

UNAMIR'S MANDATE

UNAMIR's mandate is now limited to Rwanda. It is, however, broad enough to provide safe corridors and security to returning refugees. There is currently no need to expand the mandate, unless we want an expanded UNAMIR to provide security in the refugee camps outside Rwanda, which seems unlikely now.

UNAMIR Radio

The U.S. is close to completing the sale and transfer of a "Voyager" mobile, on-air, radio studio vehicle to the United Nations for its use in Rwanda. The vehicle is fully equipped except for the transmitter, which the British reportedly intend to supply. The vehicle is scheduled to be shipped via regular commercial means from Baltimore on/about January 16.

At present, the UN is reported to have in Rwanda a very small, portable radio broadcasting unit. We do not know if the GOR has actually granted permission to broadcast and assigned radio frequencies for the UN's use, despite Rwandan VP Paul Kagame's personal assurances during his recent visit to Washington and New York.

The U.S. has not yet received a written report on the UNAMIR radio program, as requested of the UN at the December 16, 1994 ROSG meeting. We should ask for an oral briefing on the radio program's status during the January 17 ROSG meeting.

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Talkers: Camp Security

- What can the representatives from the UN tell us about the Secretary-General's forthcoming report on security in the refugee camps?
- Have any member states offered to provide troops or police to provide camp security?
- Is a contract security guard force under active consideration?
- How much would a contract security guard force cost?
- Are there contractors interested in providing this service?

Talkers - UNAMIR Radio:

- The sale and transfer of a "Voyager" mobile, on-air, radio studio vehicle is nearly completed. The vehicle was scheduled to depart the U.S. on January 16. Could the UN representatives here give us a status report on getting radio programming on the air?
 - Have all necessary permits for broadcasting been issued?
 - Has the UN been assigned the necessary frequencies for its broadcasts?
 - What sort of programming, if any, is currently underway?
 - What is the range of the current broadcasts?
 - How many people do you estimate the programs are reaching?

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